

OFFICIALS AWAIT NEW WAVE OF DEATH TOLLS

Famous New Haven Restaurant Totally Destroyed By Flames

1920 "OPEN SEASON" FOR ALL BOLSHEVISTS

THIRTY-FIVE UNDER ARREST WHO SOLD POISONED WHISKEY

Death Toll in State Was 17—Increased By But One Since Saturday—Authorities Awaiting Result of New Year's Celebrations in Country.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 1.—The New Year found 35 men under arrest in Connecticut as a result of the investigation of federal, state and city officials into the wave of fatalities and illness caused by drinking poisoned whiskey. The death toll in the state was 17, having been increased by but one since last Saturday.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Authorities throughout the country today gravely awaited reports from New Year's eve revels for confirmation or refutation of their predictions that the wave of deaths from wood alcohol poisoning which took a toll of approximately 25 lives during the Christmas holidays, would be repeated.

Early today there was slight evidence that celebrators of the New Year had not profited by knowledge gained of the effects of the drinking outlawed liquor. The more pessimistic officials pointed out, however, that it probably would require a full day for the serious consequences generally to become apparent.

Chicopee, Mass., and the Connecticut valley with fifty deaths today still led in all localities that suffered from Christmas death flood of fake whiskey. In Chicago 32 deaths attributable to wood alcohol poisoning had occurred since December 1, according to Peter M. Hoffman, Cook County Coroner.

Fully awakened to the dangers of consuming the poisonous beverage city, state and federal officers from New York to San Francisco today were directing their efforts toward eliminating sales of the liquid. Several states attorneys announced their intention to ask for death penalties for vendors of the poison if murder indictments were obtained.

In New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Memphis, Tenn., New Haven, Conn., and a number of other cities alleged sellers of the poisonous liquor were under arrest.

Whiskey substitutes intended for New Year's celebrators at San Francisco contained crude oil, embalming fluid, oil of peppermint and oil of carmine, chemical analyses revealed.

FIRE 30 MILES IN WIDTH IS EXTINGUISHED

600 Acres of Wheat Lost Before Fire Was Under Control

Buenos Aires, Dec. 31.—A fire 30 miles in width which was reported yesterday as raging in the neighborhood of San German, a town on the line between Buenos Aires province and the Pampa territory, has been extinguished, according to reports received here. Six hundred acres of wheat were destroyed before the fire was under control. It is believed to have been set by agitators.

The fire at San German is coincident with a continuation of aggression against various parts of Argentina notwithstanding predictions that settlements between property owners and harvest hands, already effected or prospective, would end the trouble. A strike of harvest hands has been declared at Chacabuco, province of Buenos Aires, and it has been accompanied by distribution of circulars threatening to burn crops.

Two alleged agitators have been killed while resisting arrest.

DIVORCE SUIT FILED.

Papers have been filed in the Superior court in divorce proceedings started by Morris E. Steekles of this city against Minnie Steekles of this city. Desertion on December 5, 1895, is alleged. The couple were married January 8, 1892. The suit is returnable to the January term of court.

ASKS HUSBAND BE ADJUDGED IN CONTEMPT

Mrs. Frawley Asserts He Has Failed to Pay Alimony

Asking that Francis A. Frawley of this city be adjudged in contempt of court for failure to pay alimony, counsel for Ethel Morehouse Frawley of this city will appear before Judge Keeler in the Superior court tomorrow morning to argue the wife's motion. The husband's counsel will contest the motion, which is on the short calendar list of the first session of the January term of court.

Mrs. Frawley claims that on October 24 last the court ordered Frawley to pay her alimony of \$5 a week pending the trial of her divorce suit against Frawley. She alleges the alimony payments are in arrears. Mrs. Frawley is asking for a divorce on the grounds of intolerable cruelty, intemperance and infidelity. The couple were married June 1, 1915.

DR. SCHOTT IS GIVEN FREEDOM ON \$8,000 BONDS

Is Charged With Murder of His Office Assistant.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 1.—Christopher G. Schott, local physician, who is charged with the murder of Miss Elizabeth Ford Griffith, his office assistant, enjoyed freedom today. He was released from jail last night on \$8,000 bond provided by friends, pending investigation by a grand jury on January 8.

Preliminary trial yesterday in police court was confined mostly to hearing testimony of witnesses for the prosecution. They testified chiefly to the effect that they saw Dr. Schott emerge from his office about 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of December 24. Coroner Carter has held that Miss Griffith, a former fiancée of Dr. Schott, but engaged to be married to day to Captain George K. Jordan of the First Division, was killed between 1 and 3 o'clock that afternoon.

CELEBRATION IN NEW YORK WAS TRUE TO FORM

New York, Jan. 1.—Celebration of the advent of the New Year continued until dawn in the hotels and restaurants along the "Great White Way" the revelers taking advantage of what they considered the last opportunity to celebrate in the manner traditional to New York. Police and other observers said the crowds which jammed upper Broadway from midnight until nearly morning were equal in size and spirit to those of former years.

While unnumbered thousands paraded the thoroughfares with all sorts of noisemakers, other thousands, who with foresightedness had purchased stocks of wines and liquors before July 1, were making merry in the hotels and restaurants. Much of the liquid refreshment was sent in advance by truck and limousine after reservations for the night had been made. A heavy profit through "corking" and "cooling" charges was realized.

TWO SCHOONERS ASHORE.

Boston, Jan. 1.—The schooners Mary E. Olys and Charles H. Trickey are ashore at Goat Island, off Cape Port Poise, Maine, and in need of assistance, according to messages received at coast guard headquarters here today. The cutter Osage was dispatched to their aid.

TEST FOR WOOD ALCOHOL WITH A HOT COPPER WIRE

Here is a wood alcohol test that may keep down Prohibition mortality figures:

Open the bottle as usual. Heat one end of a piece of copper wire until it is red hot, then insert, and withdraw it quickly from the liquid. If the wire gives forth an odor of formaldehyde, cork up the bottle and call off the party. If the wire smells like whiskey for whatever wholesome beverage the bottle may contain—why, it's a Happy New Year. Formaldehyde is a colorless gas, used as a disinfectant, and antiseptic by solution in water. It gives forth a pungent odor.—You can't mistake it.

GET SUMMONS FOR RETURN OF MISS SUMMIT

Girl Whose Story Caused Implication of Room-mate.

Mount Clemens, Mich., Jan. 1.—A summons was issued today for the return here of Miss Gladys Summit, of Battle Creek, whose story to authorities implicating her room-mate, Mrs. Cecil Vester, caused a warrant to be issued for the latter charging complicity in the murder of J. Stanley Brown. Miss Summit is being recalled, it was announced, as a witness at the hearing to be given Mrs. Vester on Saturday, the accused woman having been arraigned late yesterday and entering a plea of not guilty.

Lloyd Prevost, cousin of the slain man's widow, who has several times been questioned by the authorities, was taken into custody this morning. No charge has been made against him, the officers said, but he will be questioned again as the result of further information obtained, particularly that given by Mrs. Vester.

HALF FACTORIES IN NORTH FRANCE NOW WORKING

30,000 Plants, Employing 800,000, Razed and Looted

Lille, Jan. 1.—Production has been resumed in about half the factories of northern France, where the outbreak of the war paralyzed industry and where battles raged for four years. Of this number, however, about 13 per cent. have been at work only a month. Figures examined today by the correspondent of The Associated Press, who is visiting the war zone under a special dispensation of the government, showed that in this region 30,000 plants, employing 800,000 workers, were razed by fire, looted, or badly disorganized.

There has been a notable increase in the resumption of plants, especially those turning out textiles, during the last few weeks, but it is estimated it will take three years for the majority of the principal trades such as glass making, wood working and sugar refining to resume production on a normal scale. Large mechanical plants such as the locomotive works at Valenciennes and the coal mines about Lens will be under a handicap for a longer time, and it is believed ten years must elapse before full speed ahead will be possible.

SUPPRESSION OF IRISH PAPER IS STILL IN FORCE

Dublin, Jan. 1.—The suppression of the "Freeman's Journal," which was ordered suspended for publication of an article adjudged contrary to police discipline, is still maintained, having lasted more than a fortnight. This is the longest period any newspaper has been penalized, even during the war.

Inquiries at Dublin Castle have failed to bring forth information as to when the newspaper is likely to be allowed to resume publication.

BAD FIRE WRECKS CAFE

Manager Held By Police in Wood Alcohol Cases.

ALCOHOL FUMES WERE NOTICEABLE

New Haven, Jan. 1.—Fire completely wrecked the restaurant known as Sabatini's, close by police headquarters, early today after the departure of guests who had watched the dawn of a new year. From Sabatini's have been arrested William Gargiulo, the proprietor, Louis his brother who was manager, and Braggio Trappiano, the bartender, in the probe into the sale of wood alcohol. Harry Vincent, a barber in a shop over the restaurant, is one of the men held by the police at Chicopee, Mass.

Several explosions followed the discovery of the blaze by a waiter in a lunch room. For a time the firemen had a task to save the building, which is at the corner of Church and Court streets, with city hall almost adjoining.

It has been charged that wood alcohol whiskey has been distributed from Sabatini's the method having been for containers to be left in the bar room to be later called for. When a round-up of men concerned in the making and sale of wood alcohol began Vincent and Trappiano were immediately taken. The former was among the five men released over the range line immediately to Massachusetts officers while Trappiano is held in \$3,000. Louis Gargiulo is held on a federal warrant charging violation of the prohibition law.

The restaurant was well patronized last night in its first stage, says the state fire marshal, who noted that the odor of burning alcohol was noticeable. He regards as significant the fact that ten minutes before apparatus was drawn to a business block in Chapel street in which were found two separate insignificant fires in toilet rooms. As bell alarms were recently abolished the firemen had to be notified by messenger of the restaurant fire.

Arrangements for the Leonard-Dun-dee match this month were being made by the Sabatini management. Much opposition had developed locally to this event because, while announced here as a boxing match, it was advertised outside the state as a twenty round go "to a decision."

Chief of Police Smith is understood to have been asked to look into this as a state law which forbids prize-fights.

The building, owned by Louis Sagal, was under lease to Albert H. Powell, coal dealer, who was to buy it for about \$150,000. Beside a barber shop, there were offices on upper floors.

A Heublin, under other management, the restaurant was a favorite place for Yale men for twenty years or more, especially groups who furnished the war zone were several changes in management, and in name, and the lease of the present management was to expire in a few months.

FORMULATING A SERUM TO FIGHT YELLOW FEVER

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Science has not discovered a preventive of epidemic diseases but a serum is being formulated that may eradicate yellow fever, according to delegates attending the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in session here.

Delegates warned against influenza, spinal meningitis and infantile paralysis. These diseases have not been wiped out, but are having "a recess" delegates asserted.

SOVIETS TO BE IN AUTHORITY ALL OVER WORLD

London, Jan. 1.—A soviet wireless message received from Moscow today flashes new year's greetings to the world. The message, after celebrating 1919 as a year of victory for the soviets, says:

"In 1920, we shall attain a victorious end to civil war. Siberia, the Ukraine, the Don region and the Caucasus desire soviets. There will also be soviets at Berlin, Washington, Paris and London. Soviet authority will be supreme throughout the world."

NEW YEAR'S DAY QUIETLY OBSERVED AT WASHINGTON

No Formal Celebration At White House—Reception Held.

Washington, Jan. 1.—New Year's Day was being quietly observed here today. In official circles there was the usual round of social functions, although at the White House there was no formal celebration because of the illness of the president. Secretary of State Lansing and Mrs. Lansing were the hosts at a luncheon for the diplomatic corps, and receptions were held by Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker and Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Crowell.

The New Year received a noisy welcome last night from crowds on the streets, but there were no public or formal celebrations other than the church and home watch parties and balls. The customary watch party at the White House was dispensed with because of President Wilson's condition. Messages to the nation were issued by Vice President Marshall and several members of the cabinet in all of which was expressed a note of optimism for the coming year.

ASKS POPE'S AID IN REPATRIATING 2 MILLION MEN

Red Cross at Geneva Sends Communication to Vatican

Rome, Jan. 1.—Pope Benedict recently received a letter from the international committee of the Red Cross at Geneva, urging him to use all his influence to hasten the repatriation of 2,000,000 prisoners still in Siberia, who are suffering the gravest privations. The letter was signed by Gustave Ador, former president of Switzerland and now president of the Red Cross committee.

The pontiff answered that he entirely agreed with the sentiments expressed in the letter, and declared the hope that no christian heart would be unresponsive. The pope said he would ask the authorities concerned to cooperate.

WELCOMED NEW YEAR SHOOTING OFF REVOLVER

Believing that New Year's eve was celebrated in America in the same manner that it is in Italy, namely by the discharge of firearms, Mrs. Lena Mobillo, of 1263 North avenue last night welcomed the New Year with a fusillade of revolver shots. A policeman who was passing the Mobillo residence at the time entered the house and placed the woman under arrest.

In the City court this morning, Mrs. Mobillo stated that she found the revolver and cartridges in a closet of her home, where they had been left by a former tenant. She loaded the weapon last night, and at midnight discharged the gun out of a second story window. She was fined \$25 for her little celebration.

Ameda Correnty, the Norwalk jilt-nayman who was arrested here yesterday morning for operating a flitney bus without a permit or registration card, was arraigned in the City Court this morning, and the case was nolle prosequi on the payment of costs.

POLICY TOWARD REDS WILL BE UNFLINCHING, AGGRESSIVE WARFARE

"GENE" McCANN DEFENDANT IN DIVORCE SUIT

Desertion Is Ground—He Will Not Contest Action

H. Eugene McCann, former manager of the Bridgeport baseball club of the Eastern league and at present employed as a scout for the Cincinnati club of the National League, is the defendant in divorce proceedings brought against him by Gertrude Lennon McCann and scheduled to be heard in the Superior court tomorrow. Desertion is the ground in the case, which will not be contested by McCann.

Mrs. McCann is a Bridgeport girl and was employed in a clerical capacity in a local business establishment at the time she married the defendant in 1914. She claims McCann deserted her in 1916.

The husband became manager of the Bridgeport club in 1917, and continued here for several years. Later he took charge of the New London club, when it was owned by the late Morton F. Plant. Last season he entered the employ of the Cincinnati club as scout and travelled all over the country looking at young players who were considered available as big league material.

Mrs. McCann and her husband had been acquainted four or five years previous to their marriage and they went to live in New London subsequent to the ceremony. It is said their married life was not happy, however.

ARMED FORCES OF GERMANY ARE NEARLY MILLION

London, Jan. 1.—Germany's armed forces are estimated by the British War Office to total close to a million men. These are divided into the regular army of 400,000, the land forces of the regular navy 150,000, the armed constabulary forty to fifty thousand; the temporary volunteers or regular army reserves 150,000 to 200,000; civic guards 300,000 to 400,000.

The figures with regard to the last named branches are rough estimates, the exact totals being unknown.

ELEVATOR DROPS FROM TOP STORY MAN BREAKS RIBS

When a contractor's hoisting elevator dropped from the top story of the new Bryant Electric plant on Boston avenue, Thomas Semby, 38, of 786 Maplewood avenue, employed by the William Martin & Son Construction Co., sustained a possible fracture of two ribs on his left side. According to the report of the emergency hospital physicians, Semby says that the operators dropped the elevator so hard that it rebounded and he was thrown off. He was left at the plant.

FOUND WIFE IN BEDROOM OF BOARDER

His suspicions aroused because he found his wife hiding in a closet in a boarder's bed room when he returned to his home yesterday afternoon, Louis Gottlieb of 57 Cherry street assaulted the woman and then went out and started to "liquor up." Further argument ensued when the husband returned home last night, and he was finally arrested upon the complaint of his wife. Gottlieb was arraigned in the City court this morning, charged with assault, and judgment was suspended by Judge Frederick A. Bartlett.

New York, Jan. 1.—Twenty-five members of the crew of the American ship, Kerwood, which was sunk by a mine off Terschelling, Holland, Dec. 1, arrived here today on the transport Edgelynn. The Kerwood was bound from New York to Hamburg when sunk.

In Statement Attorney General Palmer Says Department of Justice Will Show No Quarter—75 Per Cent. of Unrest Traced to Radicals.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The year 1920 will be an "open season" for Bolshevists, anarchists and kindred radicals who are in this country with the idea of overthrowing the government. In a statement published today, Attorney General Palmer announced that the policy of the Department of Justice in dealing with the "red" menace during the coming year will be one of "unflinching, persistent and aggressive warfare" against this class of offenders.

No quarter will be shown, he declared, and every movement aimed at the government, no matter how it is cloaked, will be dealt with sternly.

The attorney general declared that agents of the department had traced directly to this element 75 per cent. of the unrest in the country. Acquaintance with the doctrines of the "reds," Mr. Palmer said, was the most forcible method of ending their activities.

He urged the American people in the interest of law and order, peace and happiness, and the maintenance of national solidarity to study the full meaning of the radical idea and to counteract it through the teaching of Americanism in the press, the church, the school and labor organizations.

PRICE ADVANCES LOW PRODUCTION GREAT MENACES

High Priced Labor Refuses to Work Regularly, says Report.

Washington, Jan. 1.—American business feels anxious over what the future holds, the federal reserve board announced in its review of December business conditions. The continued advance in prices, the reduction in production, and the high cost of living are regarded as commercial menaces.

Although the retail trade showed great activity and wholesalers and manufacturers are piled with orders, the growth in business, the report said, was in terms of dollars and not in production. High priced labor refuses to work regularly and demands short hours with the consequent falling off in production.

Uncertainty as to the developments of the next three months is retarding expansion in trade, the report added, as cautious manufacturers were said to be inclined not to commit themselves far into the future.

TWO ARRESTED FOR STEALING AUTOMOBILES

Arrested last night in connection with the theft of automobiles belonging to W. H. Hinks of 417 Washington avenue and W. D. Blatz of Lafayette avenue, William Poach, of 60 Kings Highway and Fred Douglas of 424 Lafayette street were arraigned in the city court this morning. The cases were continued until Saturday, and bonds were fixed at \$500 for each man.

Poach was arrested some time ago on a similar charge. He was to be committed to the reformatory, by the sentence was suspended at the last moment. Last night's arrests were made by Detectives Durrick and...